1	2	3	4	5
4	Tented accommodation at NIWS . .	13.84	7.00	Dec., '94
5	Purchase of two Hover crafts for Pangi Park Recreation Centre	12.44	6.22	Sept. '94
6	Food & Cultural Festival . . .	3.75	2.00	Completed
7	Goa Carnival	4.25	2.00	-do-
8	Shigmo festival	4.25	2.00	-do-
9	Publicity support	0.71	0.71	-do-
	TOTAL	78.82	37.83	

* In lieu of Polem and Manguishi projects.

Tourism Co-operation with Russia

386. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any tourism Co-operation agreement has recently been signed with Russia; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir, An agreement on cooperation in the field of tourism was signed in Moscow on 30th June, 1994 between the Govt. of India and the Govt. of Russian Federation.

(b) The salient features of the agreement are as follows :-

(i) Both the Parties will strengthen and encourage the development and cooperation in the field of tourism on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

(ii) Both the Parties shall strive to simplify immigration, customs and other formalities in order to facilitate tourism exchange.

(iii) Both the Parties shall strive to facilitate and expedite the issue of visas for up to 3 months to citizens of the other Party.

(iv) Both the Parties shall facilitate the import and export of material and documents for publicity on tourism, free from customs duties.

(v) Both the Parties shall encourage the exchange of statistics in the field of tourism.

(vi) Both the Parties shall assist each other in training of professional staff in the field of tourism.

(vii) Both the Parties may open an official tourism representation in the territory of the other Party.

Withdrawal of Restricted Area Permit from North-Eastern Region

387. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of CVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Restricted Area Permit (RAP) is the greatest impediment to the growth of the Tourism in the North-Eastern region;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider its withdrawal; and